

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for administration of security policies in a computer system, comprising the steps of:
 3. (a) displaying a graphical representation of at least one subject;
 4. (b) displaying a graphical representation of at least one object;
 5. (c) displaying a graphical representation of a security policy; and
 6. (d) dragging and dropping the graphical representation of the at least one subject and the graphical representation of the at least one object into the graphical representation of the security policy, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access to the at least one object under the security policy.
1. 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one subject is a user.
1. 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one object is data.
1. 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.
1. 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping

3 assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical representation of the at least
2 one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the graphical representation of the security
2 policy comprises at least one window.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the graphical representation of the security
2 policy further comprises at least one label.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 (e) providing a tool for viewing attributes of the at least one subject or the at
3 least one object.

1 10. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 (e) providing a tool for creating or deleting the least one subject or the at least
3 one object.

1 11. A computer readable medium with program instructions for administration of
2 security policies in a computer system, comprising the instructions for:
3 (a) displaying a graphical representation of at least one subject;

- (b) displaying a graphical representation of at least one object;
- (c) displaying a graphical representation of a security policy; and
- (d) dragging and dropping the graphical representation of the at least one subject and the graphical representation of the at least one object into the graphical representation of the security policy, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access to the at least one object under the security policy.

12. The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one subject is a user.

13 The medium of claim 11, wherein the at least one object is data.

14. The medium of claim 11, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.

15. The medium of claim 11, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

16. The medium of claim 11, wherein the graphical representation of the at least one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

17. The medium of claim 11, wherein the graphical representation of the security

2 policy comprises at least one window.

1 18. The medium of claim 17, wherein the graphical representation of the security
2 policy further comprises at least one label.

1 19. The medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions for:

2 (e) providing a tool for viewing attributes of the at least one subject or the at
3 least one object.

1 20. The medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions for:

2 (e) providing a tool for creating or deleting the least one subject or the at least
3 one object.

1 21. A system, comprising:

2 a graphical representation of at least one subject;
3 a graphical representation of at least one object; and
4 a graphical representation of a security policy, wherein the graphical representation
5 of the at least one subject and the graphical representation of the at least one object may be
6 dragged and dropped into the graphical representation of the security policy, wherein the
7 dragging and dropping grants the at least one subject access to the at least one object under
8 the security policy.

1 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one subject is a user.

1 23. The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one object is data.

1 24. The system of claim 21, wherein the dragging and dropping grants the at least
2 one subject read and/or write rights to the at least one object.

1 25. The system of claim 21, wherein the dragging and dropping assigns a
2 sensitivity level and a category to the at least one object, wherein the dragging and dropping
3 assigns a trust level and a classification to the at least one subject.

1 26. The system of claim 21, wherein the graphical representation of the at least
2 one subject or the at least one object comprises an image or an icon.

1 27. The system of claim 21, wherein the graphical representation of the security
2 policy comprises at least one window.

1 28. The system of claim 27, wherein the graphical representation of the security
2 policy further comprises at least one label.

1 29. The system of claim 21, further comprising a tool for viewing attributes of
2 the at least one subject or the at least one object.

1 30. The system of claim 21, further comprising a tool for creating or deleting the
2 least one subject or the at least one object.